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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ARGILLIER et al

Serial No.:

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For: Well Fluid Comprising A Lubricating Composition, Process
For Controlling The Lubrication Of A Well Fluid-Application
To High-PH Fluids

Group:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 12, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 and 2" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 5 and 6" and insert --claim 5--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of the previous claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of the previous claims" and insert --claim

1--.

Claim 11, line 2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 9" and insert --claim 1--.

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